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SUBJECT: RE-ELECTION OF H.K. ROBERT AS NORTH/SOUTH
GROUP CHAIRMAN

1. FIRST ITEM AT FEBRUARY 9-10 MEETING OF NORTH/SOUTH
HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER
COUNTRIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE ELECTION OF
1976 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. INCUMBENT CHAIRMAN HORST-
KRAFFT ROBERT WILL BE CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF, AND
WE KNOW OF NO MOVE TO PUT FORWARD OTHER CANDIDATES.

2. MISSION ASKED BY SECRETARIAT TO ADVISE IMMEDIATELY
IF U.S. CONTEMPLATES ANY ALTERNATIVE ACTION TO ROBERT'S
RE-ELECTION, SECRETARIAT CONFIRMS THERE ARE NO POTENTIAL RIVAL
CANDIDATES.

3. DESPITE OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH ROBERT'S PERFORM-
ANCE (OECD PARIS 33360), WE SEE NO PRACTICAL WAY OF
HEADING OFF HIS RE-ELECTION, WITHOUT MAKING RATHER HIGH-
LEVEL APPROACHES IN BONN. LATTER COURSE OF ACTION WOULD
PROBABLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

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4. IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON WHETHER TO ADVISE
THAT U.S. WILL SUPPORT OR NOT OPPOSE RE-ELECTION OF
ROBERT.
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